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REMOVAL

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please advise the undersigned as to the status of the above identified patent application. A Response to an Office Action was submitted via electronically on August 18, 2009 (8 months), in which no response has taken place. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that action be taken by the Office as soon as possible. If any questions remain regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

Please charge any required fee (or credit any overpayments of fees) to the Deposit Account of the undersigned, Account No. 503410 (Docket No. 780-A02-014-8).

Respectfully submitted,



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